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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

APPLICANT:

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Docket No. P01,0351

SERIAL NO:

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GROUP ART:

DATE FILED:

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EXAMINER:

INVENTION:

"METHOD AND PRINTER DEVICE FOR PRINTING A CARRIER MATERIAL AND FOR CLEANING A PRINTING

DRUM"

Hon. Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.56, Applicants submit the reference identified on the attached PTO-1449 form, a copy is enclosed herewith in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.98.

As of the mailing date of this Information Disclosure Statement, the first Office Action on the merits has not been received in connection with this application, and therefore this Information Disclosure Statement is in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b)(3), and no fee is necessary.

DISCUSSION OF RELEVANCE

Enclosed for the Examiner's review is a copy of the IBM Technical Disclosure document which was cited in the International Search Report. This document was unavailable at the time preparation of the first Information Disclosure Statement and so is being forwarded herewith to complete the prior art submittal.

Favorable consideration of the present application in view of the enclosed art is hereby requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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